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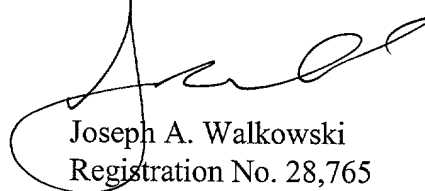
Enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, along with the following required items in connection with the above-referenced application: Declaration for Patent Application (With Power of Attorney) (2 total pages). This document is being filed within two (2) months from the mailing date of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Also enclosed are Preliminary Amendment with Appendix A (containing paragraphs [0001] through [0091]), Appendix B (containing paragraphs [0001] through [0091]), Appendix C (containing currently pending claims 1 through 47), and Appendix D (containing amended claims 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 21-24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 38-43 and 47), Letter to the Chief Draftsman and attached revised figures with annotations in red (1 sheet, 1 figure); Transmittal of Formal

Drawings Prior to Notice of Allowance; Formal Drawings (4 sheets, 5 figures); Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and attached references.

A check in the amount of \$1,566.00 is enclosed in payment of all required fees. If the amount of the check is insufficient, please debit Deposit Account No. 20-1469 for the remainder of the fee. If the amount is in excess of that required, please credit that deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Copy of Notice To File Missing Parts of Application
Declaration for Patent Application (With Power of Attorney) (2 total pages)
Check No. 17189 in the amount of \$1,566.00
Preliminary Amendment with Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, and
Appendix D,
Letter to the Chief Draftsman and attached revised figures with annotations in red
(1 sheet, 1 figure);
Transmittal of Formal Drawings Prior to Notice of Allowance (1 page); and
Formal Drawings (4 sheets, 5 figures)
Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages) with Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) and
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$726.
 - \$486 for 27 total claims over 20.
 - \$240 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1566.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS PRIOR TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Attached please find the formal drawings for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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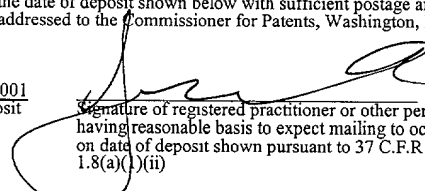
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LETTER TO THE CHIEF DRAFTSMAN

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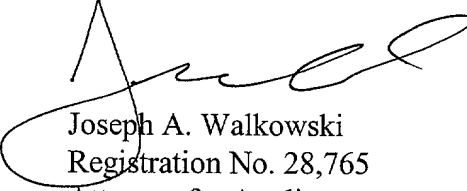
Sir:

Applicants submit herewith revised FIG. 1 which corrects an error in the drawings. Specifically, FIG. 1 has been revised to change the lead line/arrow for reference numeral 200 in the upper right hand corner of the drawing. Attached is a copy of the drawing with the proposed change marked in red.

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No new matter has been added. Approval of the proposed revision is respectfully requested.

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Enclosure: Drawing with change marked in red